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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN PRESS REACTION TO NIXON VISIT

1. SUMMARY: JORDANIAN PRESS HAS GIVEN PROFUSE COVERAGE TO NIXON VISIT FROM FIRST DAY OF ANNOUNCEMENT, COMBINED WITH HARD-LINE EDITORIAL COMMENT. FACTUAL NEWS-AGENCY REPORTS DESCRIBE ELABORATE PREPARATIONS FOR VISIT, WHILE DAILY EDITORIALS NOTE THAT TRIP WILL HAVE ONLY EMPHEMERAL BENEFITS UNLESS IT RESULTS IN SOLID ISRAELI CONCESSIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. JORDANIAN PRESS HAS GIVEN LAVISH COVERAGE TO PREPARATIONS FOR PRESIDENT NIXON VISIT, STRESSING HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE. EDITORIAL COMMENT, HOWEVER, PROVIDES COUNTERPOINT. NOTING THAT THE VISIT "WILL BE ONLY A SUMMER CLOUD IF THE OUTCOME IS NOT AS THE ARABS WOULD WISH". DAILY AS-SABAH DOUBTS THAT NIXON CAN ACCOMPLISH ANY MORE THAN DID KISSINGER DUE TO INTRANSIGENCE OF NEW ISRAELI GOVERNMENT, AND THEREFORE NIXON SHOULD KNOW THAT GOLAN DISENGAGEMENT MEANS NOTHING "UNLESS FOLLOWED BY IMMEDIATE STEPS IN DIRECTION OF TOTAL WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED AREAS AND JERUSALEM". SAME EDITORIAL SAYS THAT THERE IS NOTHING NEW IN SAUDI FORMER'S REMARK THAT US BEGINNING TO FEEL ITS WAY TO NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH ARABS; ONLY WHEN PRES ASAD MAKES SUCH A STATEMENT CAN THE ARABS HAVE HOPE FOR US CHANGE OF ATTITUDE. DAILY AR-RAY EDITORIALIZES, HOWEVER, THAT NO ONE EXPECTS FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEM ON BASIS OF THIS VISIT.

3. EDITORIALS JUNE 11 AND 12 DEVOTE ATTENTION TO "CERTAIN GROUPS" WHICH ARE TRYING TO UNDERMINE NIXON TRIP BY USING WATERGATE AGAINST PRESIDENT AND SECSTATE. NIXON'S PERSONAL PARTICIPATION IN THE DISCUSSIONS SHOULD PROVIDE SUFFICIENT ANSWER TO THESE ELEMENTS. PICKERING

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